

Working Wisely in a Foolish World

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Proverbs 1:7 ESV

“...but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 1:23-24 ESV

2024 Pew Research report found that only 50% of US workers are very satisfied with their job.

-Lowest job satisfaction age range is 18-29

Gallup survey found that only 27% of workers are “living comfortably.”

1. The Purpose of Work

Work is part of God’s good original _____, not a curse.

Genesis 1: 26-28, 2:15

Sin did not create work, but it did _____ it.

Genesis 3: 17-19

Our culture swings between _____ work and _____ it.

2. The Marks of Wise Work

_____ – *Proverbs 6: 6-11*

Pursuit of _____ – *Proverbs 22:29*

_____ – *Proverbs 11:1, 12:22*

_____ – *Proverbs 26:12*

Faithful _____ – *Proverbs 21:5, 27: 23-27*

3. The Marks of Foolish Work

Avoiding _____ – *Proverbs 26: 13-16, Proverbs 20:4*

Desiring _____ without _____ – *Proverbs 13:11*

Worship of _____ – *Proverbs 23: 4-5, Proverbs 11:28*

Lacking _____ – *Proverbs 10:2, 15:27, 28:6*

Ignoring _____ – *Proverbs 1:7, 16:3*

4. Jesus: Savior and Truly Wise Worker

Jesus spent most of His earthly life working at ordinary _____. – *Mark 6:3*

Jesus perfectly embodied _____. – *1 Corinthians 1:30*

Jesus _____ where we _____. – *Romans 5:19, 2 Corinthians 5:21*

He is not only an _____, but our _____. – *Ephesians 2: 8-10*

The cross _____ our work.

The Gospel does not merely _____ foolish workers. It _____ them into wise worshipers.

5. Working for the Glory of God

Every legitimate _____ can glorify God. – *Colossians 3: 23-24*

Wise work is not merely working hard – it is working _____ under the Lordship of Christ.

The world works for _____, _____, or _____.

We work for _____.